

3 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

This chapter describes the baseline conditions of the built and natural environment that could be affected by the implementation of NASA's proposed NASA Ames Development Plan (NADP). The information in this chapter establishes a baseline against which to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of each of the four action alternatives for Ames Research Center, which are described below in *Chapter 4: Environmental Consequences*.

The following topics are addressed in this review of the affected environment:

- " 3.1 Public Policy
- " 3.2 Land Use
- " 3.3 Traffic and Circulation
- " 3.4 Air Quality
- " 3.5 Infrastructure and Drainage
- " 3.6 Services
- " 3.7 Hazardous Materials and Site Contamination
- " 3.8 Geology
- " 3.9 Biological Resources
- " 3.10 Noise
- " 3.11 Aesthetics
- " 3.12 Recreation
- " 3.13 Cultural Resources
- " 3.14 Socio-Economic Conditions

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